



**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
April 21, 2015
Albany Terrace Apartments – 3030 W. 21st Place**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Evelyn Reid	I am from Tips at 170 and I just want to make the Board aware of the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan which has been in corporate America for more than a decade however is just coming to municipalities within the last couple years. The purpose of MERP is to lower your healthcare cost by 20% or more without additional cost to your bottom line.	Your comment has been received.
2	Maner Wiley	I am coming to ask Mr. Merchant would you please come to Hilliard and walk with me? Nobody has come out to Hilliard, I would like you to come out and walk with me so I can show you some things.	Mr. Merchant is currently planning a site visit to Hilliard.
3	George Blakemore	The last time I attended the meeting the timer was broken and you stole my minutes and you apologized to me, that is unacceptable, I want my minutes back, reparation. It was unacceptable, if I extend my two minutes, perhaps you will give me my minutes I am entitled to receive. You are supposed to educate people about their rights, these intergovernmental agreements with the City telling people they would come back, Cabrini is a good example, 1/3 of the residents are able to move back, all of them should be able to move back. The people on this Board are not working on your behalf. I am not a resident of CHA. I am from Texas and I may have to go back. Give me back my minutes.	When the timer previously malfunctioned, your two minutes were monitored with a backup timer and you were not given any less time to speak than you would have been given had the timer functioned properly.
4	Veronica Butler	I am a four year tenant of Trumbull Park and I have mold in my house that have been there for two years. We have had headaches from the mold, and they told me it was mildew and when they came to clean they said it was the moisture in my house. I run my fan and my AC constantly. It's not mildew, it's mold. I have pictures and my kids are getting headaches, I went to the office and the LAC Office and they are doing nothing.	CHA staff conducted a visual inspection of the unit and has directed the property manager to hire an environmental specialist to conduct an air quality test to determine the appropriate next steps.

5	Joseph Watkins	<p>1) I am here complaining about Section 3, Rosenwald in particular. I don't know why they are working and residents are not getting jobs, and I see Hispanics all over the place. Alderman Dowell said we need to be union to work on the project. You need to put a halt to it.</p> <p>2) I want you to look into the services of BPI as well, they are getting guaranteed percentages of contracts and they are also violating the Section 3 Program. I know that somebody just said your goal is to not make us whole, because then you will not have a job. I want to make sure that for the record you all halt the Rosenwald project until they hire Section 3 residents.</p>	<p>1) At Rosenwald the Prime Contractor has proposed to meet the minimum Section 3 Business Concern subcontracting requirement by submitting a Utilization Plan that sets a goal of 10.22% of the overall contract value. CHA's Compliance department will monitor the compliance once construction work begins.</p> <p>Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are not required to have union affiliations to participate in Section 3 Hiring and Subcontracting opportunities with CHA. However, in the Rosenwald mixed finance transaction involving multiple funding sources, including City of Chicago Funding, City requirements of union affiliation to work on this specific project site are applicable.</p> <p>2) BPI has no contracts with CHA that would require and entail Section 3 commitments.</p>
6	Dennis Hood	<p>I am a Resident Owned Business, we like some of the things you are doing with Section 3, but there is more you have to do. It is too competitive with the insurance. I will ask you again if you can help the residents in the Section 3 Program. My insurance itself is tremendously high, you talk about your payroll and overhead and you have nothing. If you want residents to move on you have to do for them what you have to do for them. I also want to say to Mr. Merchant, we have our meeting in one week, we need to talk about some of this stuff, we do a good job but it is hard without the help of CHA.</p>	<p>Your comment has been received.</p>